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<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	9076754311 ext.	
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting ollection Form		FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<110> <111>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?  If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no )	
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	613004AK112.pdf company is a	
<113> <114> <115> <116> <117> <118>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com
<210>	For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service or	utages? No

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NORS									Did This Outage		
Reference	<b>Outage Start</b>	Outage Start	Outage End	Outage End	Number of		911 Facilities	Service Outage	Affect Multiple		
Number	Date	Time	Date	Time	<b>Customers Affected</b>	<b>Total Number of</b>	Affected	Description (Check	Study Areas	Service Outage	Preventative
						Customers	(Yes / No)	all that apply)	(Yes / No)	Resolution	Procedures

•	fulfilled Service Request ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control N July 2013	lo. 3060-0819
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com		
<300> L	nfulfilled service request (voice)			
<310> I	Detail on attempts (voice)			
<320>	Nai Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	me of Attached Document		
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)	Name of Attached Document		

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of p <030>	erson identified in data line	9076754311 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of p <030>	person identified in data line	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate I voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in whic any facilities you own, operate, lease, or ot	telephony service in the prio h you are designated an ETC f	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed v	oice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate end-user customer complaints (zero or grethe prior calendar year for each service are an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	ater) for broadband service in ea in which you are designated	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed b	roadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	broadband	

	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	613004AK510.pdf ules Compliance	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations	FCC Form 481
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	613004AK610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<020> Program Year	2017	
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact rega	rding this data Larry G. Snipes	
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person in	dentified in data line <030> 9076754311 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person i	dentified in data line <030> larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	1/1/2016 21.5	

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					Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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(800) Op	erating Companies	FCC Form 481	
Data Coll	lection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3	3060-0819
		July 2013	
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<810>	Reporting Carrier Bush-Tell, Inc.		
<811>	Holding Company Name Not Available		

<812> Operating Company

Bush-Tell, Inc.

<813>	<a1></a1>	<a2></a2>	<a3></a3>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	Yes	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	Alaska	
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	613004AK920.pdf	
<921> <922> <923> <924> <925> <926> <927> <926> <927> <928> <929>	Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; Compliance with Rights of way processes Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements Compliance with Facilities Siting rules Compliance with Environmental Review processes Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	Yes	

-	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability ection Form			FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-081  July 2013	9
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <	:030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com		
<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes			
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	61300	04AK1010.pdf	<u> </u>	
			Name of Attached Docume	nt	
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Not	Applicable		
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		Name of Attached Docume	ent	

	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com	
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>			

(1200) Te	(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers     FCC Form 481       Lifeline     OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819						
	ection Form			July 2013			
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line	e <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com				
<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	63	13004ak1210.pdf				
<1220>	Link to Public Website H	HTTP htt	tp://bush-tell.com/				
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	·					
<1222>	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<u> </u>					
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	V					

(2000) Price C	ap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collection	on Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	o-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013
<010> Stud	dy Area Code 613004	
<015> Stud	dy Area Name BUSH-TELL INC.	
	gram Year 2017	
	stact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Larry G. Snipes	
	tract relephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <0302	
<039> Con	ntact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> larrysnipes@bush-	LEII. COM
		recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, ormation reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July	1
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental	
	Support	
2011		
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July	
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental	
	Support	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of	
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in	
	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives	
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	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for	
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4	
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amoun	it of
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect	
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of cen	2112
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	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two	
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in yea	r Name of Attached Document Listing
\ZUZ4b>		- I
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1	for Name of Attached Document Listing
\2023D>	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC	Required Information
		nequired information
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	

Data Collection For	rrier Additional Documentation (Continued) m eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control N July 2013	o. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband		
	America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}		
<201/A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?		
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)		
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)		
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)		
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)		
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)		

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

()	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan				
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Υe	es - Att	ach Certifica	ation 613004AK3010a.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docur	ment Lis	ting Required	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community	Anchors		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docur Information		ting Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<b>(</b> )		
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	O	•	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:  Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports				
	(Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)				
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Docur Information	ment Lis	ting Required	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or	(Yes/No)	•	0	
(3020)	(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			·	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			V	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.				
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				613004AK3026.pdf
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Docur Information	ment Lis	ting Required	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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#### **Financial Data Summary**

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

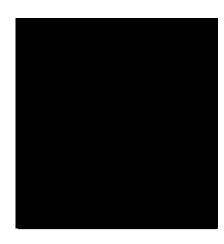
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

### Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001**. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a**. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

#### If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

il yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003	D.	
<b>4003b</b> . Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	_
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (par	agraph 80)	
<b>4004a</b> . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	_
<b>4004b</b> . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	_

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

#### Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:  $^{
m BUSH-TELL}$  INC.

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/21/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Doug DeVore

Title or position of Authorized Officer: President

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9076754311 ext.

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	larrysnipes@bush-tell.com

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibi agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provide	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I lities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized and to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annua	al Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
l, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the	reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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 <701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
 1/1/2016

 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge
 21.5

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
AK	All Exchanges		FR	21.5	5.75	3.13	0.0	30.38

(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees		Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)			
	AK	Aniak	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge
	AK	Anvik	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge
	AK	Grayling	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge
	AK	Holy Cross	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge
	AK	Kalskag	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge
	AK	Shaqeluk	328.99	0.0	328.99	6.0	2.0	100	Overage Charge

Supplemental Data for:	Line 112-Annual Progress Report
The following figures represer Bush-Tell for 2015:	nt the amount of federal universal service support received and recorded by
Total Universal Service Sup	pport
upgrading of facilities and ser	service support received in 2015 for the provision, maintenance, and vices for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and
47 C.F.R § 54.7.	

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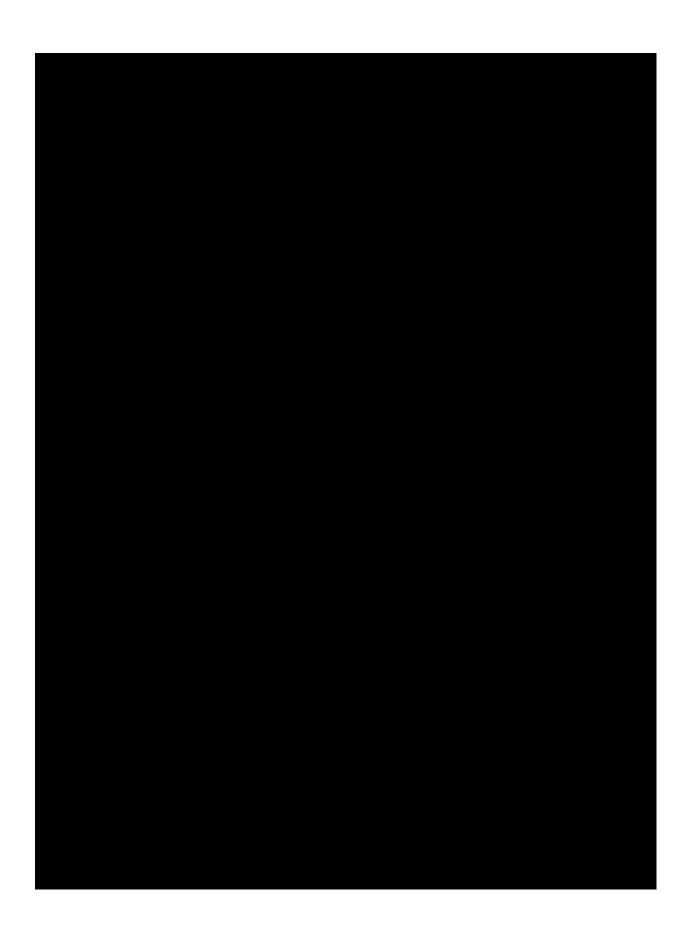
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Supplemental Data for: Line 510-Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

Rules Compliance

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Bush-Tell, Inc. will make reasonable efforts to comply with applicable service quality standards as stated in Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53.700 State Telecommunications Modernization Plan and consumer protection rules as defined in 47 C.F.R. Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft.

Bush-Tell, Inc. adheres to Consumer Protection by complying with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Bush-Tell, Inc. also adheres to Service Quality Standards by complying with the service standards of the State of Alaska as promulgated in the Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53,700 State Telecommunications Modernization Plan.

#### RATES AND RATE STABILITY

New customers are provided rate information at the time they order service. The rate information is prepared based on tariffs which are on file with the state public utility commission and available for inspection at our office. In addition rates are available on Bush-Tell, Inc. website. Notices of rate changes proposed by Bush-Tell, Inc. are communicated to the customers through a bill notice or other comparable means. Bush-Tell, Inc. complies with all state and federal rules applicable to rate changes.

#### PROVIDE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES IN ADVERTISING

In advertising of prices for service plans Bush-Tell, Inc. will disclose material charges and conditions related to the advertised prices and services. This notice will provide the potential customer with, including if applicable and to the extent the advertising medium reasonably allows: (1) whether nonrecurring installation charges would apply; (2) the monthly fee associated with the service; (3) whether any additional taxes, fees or surcharges apply; (3) the terms and conditions related to receiving a product or service for "free;" and (4) whether prices or benefits apply only for a limited time or promotional period and, if so, whether any different fees or charges will apply for the remainder of the contract term.

#### TRUTH-IN-BILLING

Bush-Tell, Inc. has long maintained compliance with the FCC's Truth-in-Billing rules as set forth in 47 CFR 64.2401. In part, this requires Bush-Tell, Inc.'s telephone bill must: (1) be accompanied by a brief, clear, non-misleading plain language description of the service or services rendered; (2) identify the service provider associated with each charge; (3) clearly and conspicuously identify any change in service provider; (4) contain full and non-misleading

descriptions of charges; (5) identify those charges for which failure to pay will not result in disconnection of the customer's basic local service; and (6) provide a toll free number for customers to call in order to lodge a complaint or obtain information. Customers' bills will distinguish (1) monthly charges for service and features, and other charges collected and retained by the carrier, from (2) taxes, fees and other charges collected by the carrier and remitted to federal state or local governments. Bush-Tell, Inc. will not label cost recovery fees or charges as taxes.

#### PROVIDE READY ACCESS TO CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customers and potential customers may access customer service by visiting Bush-Tell, Inc.'s office or by using a toll-free telephone number during normal business hours. Customer service contact information is available at our business office with regular hours posted on the storefront. In addition, this information is available online and on the monthly invoice rendered by Bush-Tell, Inc.

#### ABIDE BY POLICIES FOR PROTECTION OF CUSTOMER PRIVACY

Bush-Tell, Inc. complies with all state and federal rules regarding the privacy of customer information. Certification of this compliance is provided annually to the FCC.

# RESPONSE TO CONSUMER INQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Bush-Tell, Inc. will respond in writing to state or federal administrative agencies within 30 days of receiving written consumer complaints from any such agency. Should the agency require a shorter interval for response, Bush-Tell, Inc. will use its best efforts to expedite the review of the complaint to provide a response which meets the agency-provided target date.

#### TERMINATION OF SERVICE

Bush-Tell, Inc. follows the state public utility commission's rules for termination of service. Service cannot be terminated without advance notice to the customer. If service is being terminated for non-payment, the customer will have the option to establish a payment plan. So long as the customer adheres to the payment plan, service will not be disconnected. Customers may terminate service at any time and for any reason. Bush-Tell, Inc. does not assess any termination penalty and the customer is simply required to pay for the services which were used while the service was provided.

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Supplemental Data for: Line 610-Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

As an initial point, Bush-Tell, Inc. had no service outages during 2015 which met the FCC's threshold for reporting into the Network Outage Reporting System ("NORS").

Bush-Tell, Inc. engages in preventative maintenance programs which help ensure network reliability in all conditions. This includes regular checks on generators, battery back-up, HVAC infrastructure at central office switches, and tree trimming/removal when trees have the potential to take down telephone lines during events of high wind or heavy snow. Access to critical infrastructure (like central office switches) is limited to essential personnel. Spare equipment is maintained in inventory.

Like most local exchange carriers, Bush-Tell, Inc.'s network consists of electronic switching equipment and a network of fiber optics and copper facilities. Each Bush-Tell community is non-contiguous and is not connected by roads, making redundancy between communities extremely expensive. Typical connection costs between exchanges for a T1 of capacity can cost more than \$14,000 a month.

From a switching standpoint, Bush-Tell, Inc. has one primary switch in each community it serves. The largest threat to switches is the loss of power. To address this, Bush-Tell, Inc. ensures adequate battery back-up is maintained as well as backup generator capacity at its largest exchanges. The following table shows the available battery backup at each exchange as well as backup generator capacity:

Exchange	Generator	Batteries
Aniak	30KW	12 Hrs
Anvik		8 Hrs
Crooked Creek		8 Hrs
Grayling		8 Hrs
Kalskag	10KW	8 Hrs
Red Devil		8 Hrs
Shageluk		8 Hrs
Stoney River		8 Hrs
Sleet Mute		8 Hrs

In cases of emergency, Bush-Tell, Inc.'s management has contact information for all employees. Depending upon the scope of the emergency, Bush-Tell, Inc. may call-in as many employees as necessary to provide continual telecommunications service. When poles are down from emergencies, the Bush-Tell, Inc. works with other utilities attached to the same poles to expedite the repair or replacement of the infrastructure.

In summation, Bush-Tell, Inc. takes preventative measures to plan for emergency situations and also takes steps to mitigate the risk or duration of such events.

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Supplemental Data for: Line 920-Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Bush-Tell, Inc. contacted all of the tribal administrators in its service area in order to comply with the Universal Service Transformation Order. Bush-Tell, Inc. contacted the following Traditional Councils by phone to schedule a face to face meeting for 2015. The meetings were held during a two-day period in November and December 2015.

Aniak Traditional Council P.O. Box 349 Aniak, AK 99557

Phone: 907.675.4349

In attendance: Jeanette Hoffman, Tribal Chief

**Anvik Traditional Council** 

P.O. Box 10

Anvik, AK 99558 Phone: 907.663.6346

In attendance: Carl Jerue Jr., 1st Chief

Crooked Creek Traditional Council

P.O. Box 69

Crooked Creek, AK 99575 Phone: 907.432.2200

In attendance: Julia Zaukar, President

Grayling IRA (Indian Reorganization Act)

P.O. Box 49

Grayling, AK 99590 Phone: 907.453.5116

In attendance: Ivan Demientieff, 1st Chief

Holy Cross Tribal Council

P.O. Box 89

Holy Cross, AK 99602 Phone: 907.476.7207

In attendance: Alfred Demientieff, Member

Stony River Traditional Council

P.O. Box SRV

Stony River, AK 99557 Phone: 907.537.3258

In attendance: Mary Williams, Member

Village of Lower Kalskag

P.O. Box 27

Lower Kalskag, AK 99626 Phone: 907.471.2300

In attendance: Nick Levi, Tribal Administrator

The following meetings were scheduled but upon traveling to village we were weathered out an unable to meet.

Shageluk IRA (Indian Reorganization Act) P.O. Box 35 Shageluk, AK 99665 Phone: 907,473,8239

Sleetmute Traditional Council P.O. Box 109 Sleetmute, AK 99668 Phone: 449-4263

Village of Upper Kalskag P.O. Box 50 Lower Kalskag, AK 99626 Phone: 907.471.2300

There is no Tribal Council in Red Devil, AK

Each tribal administrator was informed of Bush-Tell Inc.'s responsibility to work with all tribal offices regarding a variety of topics. Bush-Tell, Inc. informed each entity its intent to have discussions including

- A needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions
- Feasibility and sustainability planning
- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner
- Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes
- Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.

Face to face meetings with each available entity were conducted by Doug DeVore, Bush-Tell, Inc.'s President, Sonya Hill and Bush-Tell's Office Manager. Each tribal administrator was informed of Bush-Tell Inc.'s responsibility to work with all tribal offices regarding a variety of topics. Specifically, Bush-Tell, Inc. informed each entity its intent to have discussions including

- A needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions
- Feasibility and sustainability planning

- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner
- Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes
- Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.

During this year's outreach most of the discussions pertained to Internet service. Considerable time was spent discussing the cost of internet, availability and the reason for the current cost to end users (lack of affordable middle mile). Explained to tribal member's current initiatives Bush-Tell is undertaking with other LECs in Alaska and the sought after end result. Explained how end users within the communities can monitor their usage which should result in lower monthly costs. Informed tribal concerns that we are improving our trouble ticket process which should result in a much improved customer experience. Determined the need for a new phone system in one of the tribal councils and offered to provide the system on a monthly payment plan.

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Supplemental Data for: Line 1010-Voice Services Rate Compatibility

Bush-Tell, Inc. certifies that it meets the local voice service rate compatibility requirements. The Residential rate for all Bush-Tell exchanges is \$21.50 a month, which is above the local rate floor of \$21.22 that has been established by the FCC. With state surcharges this rate is \$29.55. The federal \$6.50 SLC brings this residential rate to \$35.70, which is below the two standard deviations from the applicable urban rate for voice service of \$47.48.

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5.7.1	LOCAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE - LIFELINE &	& LINKUP		
5.7.1.1	RATES	Monthly <u>Rate</u>		
5.7.1.1.1	Local Service Assistance ("LSA") - Lifeline	\$1.00*		
*	This charge is in addition to the appropriate charges as and 5.6.	s specified in Sections 5.3		
5.7.1.1.2	Customer who meet the requirements in Section 5.7.1 for Lifeline Connection Assistance ("LCA") which reservice order and installation charges by fifty percent thirty dollars (\$30.00). Additional Lifeline Connection up to \$70.00 that will cover 100 percent of the connection and \$130.00. Remaining service order and installation on the customer's first month billing.	educes the customer's (50%) up to a maximum of n Assistance is available of tion charges between		
5.7.1.1.3	The customer may defer payment on up to the \$200 of the 5.7.1.1.2 charges without interest for a period not to exceed one year. Payment shall be made over a twelve (12) month period.			
5.7.1.2	TERMS AND CONDITIONS			
5.7.1.2.1	For customers approved for Local Service Assistance, the End User Common Line Charge (a/k/a the Subscriber Line Charge) will be waived.			
5.7.1.2.2	The requested service must be a single line to a residential subscriber's primary place of residence.			
5.7.1.2.3	Lifeline will offered to any requesting customer who respecified in Section 5.7.1.2.4 or Section 5.7.1.2.5.	meets the eligibility criteria		
5.7.1.2.4	The customer lives in a household with income at or b applicable federal poverty guidelines for Alaska, as es States Department of Health and Human Services. Fo poverty guideline, the term "family unit" means all perhousing unit, regardless of whether they are related to	tablished by the United or purposes of applying the rsons who occupy a		
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Monthly charges will be waived for Toll Restriction and a security deposit to initiate service is not required when Lifeline customer elect to subscribe to Toll

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#### DISCOUNTED SERVICES

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#### UNIVERSAL SERVICE DISCOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

5.7.1.2 RATES

School & Library Discount Matrix	Discount Levels	
% of students eligible for national school lunc program	Urban Discount	Rural Discount
<1	20%	25%
1 - 19	40%	50%
20 - 34	50%	60%
35 - 49	60%	70%
50 - 74	80%	80%
75 - 100	90%	90%

- 5.7.3.2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- 5.7.3.2.1 The universal service discounts provided herein are applicable to all services, provided under the jurisdiction of this tariff, including special contracts.

  Universal service discounts will be granted only when the applicant supplies evidence to the Company that the appropriate federal universal service funds are available by demonstrating that the federal universal service fund administrator has committed the necessary funds for the exclusive use of the applicant.

  Discounts will not be provided prior to January 1, 1998.
- 5.7.3.2.2 Universal service discounts will be applied to the applicant's bill coinciding with the federal universal service funding period. Each year, the applicant must supply evidence to the Company that the appropriate federal universal service funds are available by demonstrating that the federal universal fund administrator has committed the necessary funds. If this evidence is not provided, the Company will discontinue the applicant's universal service discounts, consistent with the termination of the current funding period, and to subsequently begin billing the undiscounted rate.

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### 54.313 Lifeline customers MOU and additional toll charges

Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Bush-Tell, Inc. subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXCs that serve Bush-Tell, Inc.

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Supplemental Data for: Line 3010a-Milestone Certification

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Date: July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Bush-Tell, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at 907.675.4311.

Sincerely,

Larry G. Snipes General Manager Bush-Tell, Inc. Bush-Tell, Inc.:

Bush-Tell, Inc.

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Supplemental Data for:

Line 3026-Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Due to the recent turnover of all management personnel at Bush-Tell, Inc. the RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers has not been filed. Current management is working with USDA/RUS to allow filing the report online.

Please accept the audited financials, below, in lieu of the Operating Report.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at 907.675.4311.

Sincerely,

Larry G. Snipes General Manager

Bush-Tell, Inc.

## BUSH-TELL, INC.

ANIAK, ALASKA

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

## **ERICKSON & BROOKS**

Certified Public Accountants

FREMONT, NEBRASKA

**REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION** 

### BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Bush-Tell, Inc. Aniak, Alaska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bush-Tell, Inc. (an Alaska corporation), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bush-Tell, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Erickson & Brooks

#### Other Reports

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 17, 2016, on our consideration of Bush-Tell, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.

**ERICKSON & BROOKS** 

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Fremont, Nebraska March 17, 2016

## BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

### ASSETS (NOTES 1 & 2)

Current assets:

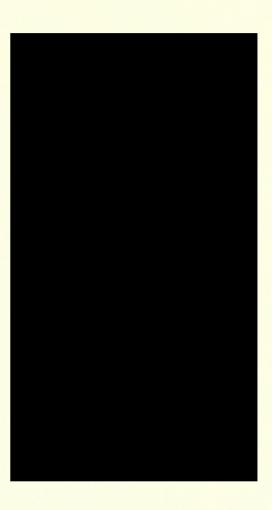
Cash (Note 9)
Telecommunications accounts receivable
(net of reserve of \$4,700 in 2015 and 2014)
Other accounts receivable
Materials and supplies
Prepaid expenses

Noncurrent assets:

Nonregulated property - net (Note 5) Deferred tax asset (Note 7)

Property, plant and equipment: (Note 3)
Telecommunications plant under construction
Telecommunications plant in service

Less accumulated provision for depreciation



# BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

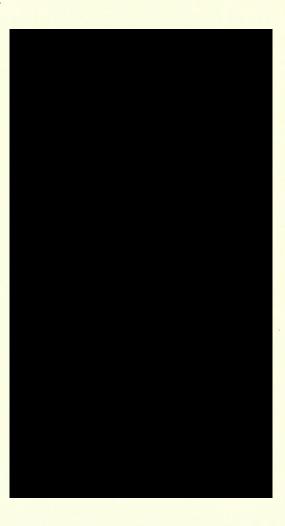
#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current liabilities:
Accounts payable
Accrued taxes
Accrued salaries and wages
Advance billings and payments
NAF credit liability - current (Note 6)
Accrued interest
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 4)

Long-term debt: RUS mortgage notes (Note 4)

Other long-term liabilities: NAF credit liability (Note 6)

Stockholders' equity:
Capital stock - common
No par value - 100,000 shares
authorized, issued and outstanding
at a stated value of \$.05
Retained earnings



## BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Operating revenues:

Basic local network services

Network access services

Space and power contract revenues

Miscellaneous

Less uncollectible revenues Total operating revenues

Operating expenses:

Plant specific operations

Plant nonspecific operations

Depreciation

Customer operations

Corporate operations

Other operating taxes

Total operating expenses

Operating income

Other income (expense):

Interest and dividend income

Interest expense

Other expense

Net nonregulated loss (Note 5)

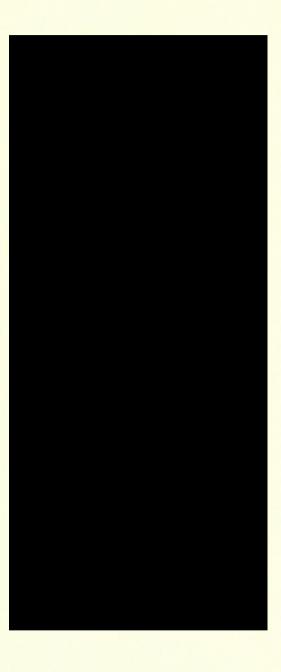
Net other expense

Income before income taxes

Provision for income taxes: (Note 7)

Deferred

Net income



# BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Balance January 1, 2014

Net income

Balance December 31, 2014

Net income

Balance December 31, 2015



## BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Cash flows from operating activities:
Cash received from consumers
Cash paid to suppliers and employees
Interest and dividends received
Interest paid
Net cash provided by operating activities

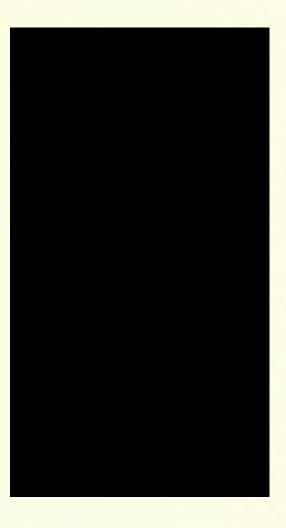
Cash flows from investing activities:
Construction and acquisition of plant
Plant salvage
Net cash used by investing activities

Cash flows from financing activities:
Payments on debt
Increase in:
Customer deposits and advanced payments
Net cash used by financing activities

Net increase (decrease) in cash

Cash - beginning of year

Cash - end of year



## BUSH-TELL, INC. ANIAK, ALASKA STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(continued)

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Net income

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Depreciation
Deferred income taxes

(Increase) decrease in: Accounts receivable Materials and supplies Prepaid expenses

Increase (decrease) in:
Accounts payable
Accrued taxes
Accrued salaries and wages
Accrued expenses
Accrued interest

Net cash provided by operating activities

